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1. SUMMARY: UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL GA SESSION ON NAMIBIA
CONTINUED AFTERNOON OF APRIL 25. MOST NOTABLE SPEAKER
OF THE AFTERNOON WAS INDIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER WHO
STRONGLY QUESTIONED THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL BUT SAID
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IT WAS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. GUYANA'S FOREIGN
MINISTER WARNED THE ASSEMBLY TO BE "WARY" OF SOUTH
AFRICA'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE WESTERN PROPOSAL. OTHER
SPEAKERS INCLUDED THE PHILIPPINES, ROMANIA, EGYPT,
AUSTRIA AND BRAZIL. END SUMMARY.

2. UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA

CONTINUED AFTERNOON OF APRIL 25. RASHLEIGH JACKSON, GUYANA'S FOREIGN MINISTER AND FORMER MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, CALLED FOR THE COUNCIL TO BE GIVEN A FULLY RESPONSIBLE ROLE IN NAMIBIA'S TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE. HE CALLED ON MEMBER STATES TO BE "WARY AND VIGILANT" IN RESPONSE TO ANNOUNCED SOUTH AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE OF WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL, SAYING THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S REAL INTEREST IS IN HAVING A "TURNHALLE FACADE". "UNTIL THERE IS ACTION RATHER THAN WORDS", JACKSON STATED, "WE WILL REMAIN VIGILANT...WE ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT THEY (SOUTH AFRICA) HAVE GIVEN UP THEIR DEVIIOUS PLANS." HE ADDED THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO DISCUSS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE FIVE'S PROPOSAL BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT WALVIS BAY WAS NOT MENTIONED. HE SUPPORTED THE LUSAKA DECLARATION AND DECLARED THAT THE SITUATION IN NAMIBIA IS A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

3. AMB YANGO OF THE PHILIPPINES ASSERTED THAT SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR TESTING IN THE KALIHARI DESERT WAS A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. HE STATED THAT THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF SAG FORCES IN WALVIS BAY CONSTITUTED A VIOLATION OF NAMIBIA'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. ANY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT MUST HAVE THE APPROVAL OF SWAPO. THEREFORE THE GOP, HE SAID, CONDEMNS ANY INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IMPLEMENTED BY THE SAG. HE EMPHASIZED HIS GOVERNMENT'S APPRECIATION OF THE WESTERN UNCLASSIFIED

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FIVE'S EFFORTS AND CONCLUDED BY CALLING FOR AN OIL EMBARGO AND FULL ECONOMIC SANCTIONS UNDER CHAPTER VII OF THE CHARTER.

4. AMB DATCU OF ROMANIA STRONGLY CONDEMNED SOUTH AFRICA. WITHOUT MAKING DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE, HE SUPPORTED CONTINUED EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT THROUGH NEGOTIATION BUT, HE SAID, "IF THE NEGOTIATIONS FAIL THE ALTERNATIVE IS OBVIOUS." HE AFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR SWAPO AND FOR THE LUSAKA DECLARATION.

5. ATAL VAJPAYEE, INDIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER, IN A LENGTHY STATEMENT SAID THAT SAM NUJOMA HAD CONVINCED HIM IN NEW DELHI THAT SWAPO "HAD AN OPEN MIND FOR ANY PEACEFUL INITIATIVES" THAT COULD LEAD TO THE SOLUTION OF THE NAMIBIA QUESTION. HE SAID THAT THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL PROCEEDED IN THE "RIGHT DIRECTION BUT FALLS SHORT OF CERTAIN CRUCIAL ELEMENTS." SAG'S INSINCERITY, HE SAID, WAS EVIDENCED BY ITS PROMOTION OF AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT, CREATION OF TRIBAL ARMIES, DIVISION OF THE TERRITORY ALONG TRIBAL LINES AND PERSECUTION OF NATIONALIST

FORCES. HE NOTED THE "DISTURBING" REPORTS OF THE SAG'S PREPARATIONS FOR NUCLEAR TESTING IN NAMIBIA. IN THE EVENT THAT THE SAG CONTINUES TO BE UNCOOPERATIVE, HE ADVOCATED CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS AS DEMANDED IN THE LUSAKA DECLARATION. WITH REFERENCE TO THE SAG ACCEPTANCE OF THE WESTERN PROPOSAL, HE QUOTED THE SOUTH AFRICAN STATEMENT THAT "THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD SHALL REST WITH THE EXISTING POLICE FORCES" AND "THAT THE ISSUE OF WALVIS BAY IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSALS". HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE ATTITUDE OF THE FIVE ON THESE TWO POINTS AND WHAT ASSURANCES AND CLARIFICATIONS WERE GIVEN TO SOUTH AFRICA. HE ASKED IF THE FIVE CONSIDERED

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WALVIS BAY TO BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA. "A CLEAR DECLARATION IN THIS REGARD IS NECESSARY" HE CONCLUDED.

6. AMB MEGUID OF EGYPT DECLARED WALVIS BAY TO BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA. HE DENOUNCED SOUTH AFRICA, SUPPORTED THE LUSAKA DECLARATION AND REAFFIRMED THAT SWAPO IS THE SOLE AND AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. HE DEMANDED THAT NAMIBIA BE COMPENSATED BY THE SAG AFTER INDEPENDENCE. HE SUPPORTED ANY NEGOTIATIONS DIRECTED AT ACHIEVING A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT
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BUT ALSO SUPPORTED THE ARMED STRUGGLE IF THE NEGOTIATIONS FAIL.

7. AMB JANKOWITSCH OF AUSTRIA EXPRESSED OPTIMISM FOR THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL AND DESCRIBED THE SAG ACCEPTANCE AS "A POSITIVE STEP". HE DECLARED THAT AUSTRIA WAS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND TO CONTRIBUTE WHATEVER NECESSARY TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE IN NAMIBIA.
8. AMB CORREA DA COSTA OF BRAZIL SAID THERE WERE "POINTS OF PRINCIPLE" IN THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL WHICH MIGHT GIVE REASON FOR DOUBT, SUCH AS, THE FACT THAT THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA WAS NOT MENTIONED EXPLICITLY. IN SPITE OF SOME RESERVATIONS ON POINTS OF PRINCIPLE, HE SAID HIS DELEGATION WAS PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE WESTERN PROPOSAL. YOUNG

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